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Sports Shorts

Fitness Month events — In celebration of May Fitness Month, the Fitness Center is holding a "Turn 'n' Burn Spinathon," Saturday, May 12, from 8 to 10 a.m. in building 1113 (across the street from the Fitness Center). There will be a big-



time bench press competition Tuesday, May 15, at 6 p.m. in the aerobics room at the Fitness Center. Free T-shirts provided for participants in both events. To sign up or for more information, call 448-2214.

72-Hole Men's Stroke Play Club Championships at Mamala Bay — Registration begins today, Friday, May 14. Championship dates are June 16, 17, 23, and 24. Entry fee is \$4, plus daily green fees. Format is stroke play — no cut. Deadline for registration is June 10th or until the field is full. All players will play scratch with their respective flight. Flight handicap breakdowns are: Championship (0-4), Alpha (5-9), Bravo (10-14), Charlie (15-19) and Delta (20-24). Contact Mamala Bay Golf Course for more information or to sign up at 449-6490.

Memorial Day Golf Tournament at Ke'alahi Golf Course — Ke'alahi Golf Course hosts a two-person scramble, Monday, May 28. The tournament is open to the first 36 teams to sign up and is \$21 per person. Price includes green fees and prizes. Check in starts at 12:30 p.m. and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m. For details, call Ke'alahi Golf Course at 448-2318.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Kinsman

Children from the Sunshine Generation Hawaii performed at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, May 5. The program teaches children performance techniques and skills for success by providing training in singing, dancing, showmanship and confidence.

'Sunshine' keiki brighten craft fair

By Staff Sgt.
Sarah Kinsman
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Singing, dancing, narrating ... you name it, these keiki can do it.

Children from the Sunshine Generation Hawaii performed at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday.

Sunshine Generation is a non-auditioned children's

performing group offered to all keiki around Oahu.

"The unique Sunshine Generation program teaches children performance techniques and skills for success by providing training in singing, dancing, showmanship, and most importantly, confidence," said Angela Harris, wife of Senior Airman Mark Harris, 324th Intelligence Squadron, and director

of Sunshine Generation Hawaii.

All boys and girls, ages 3-16 are welcome to be a part of the award-winning performing group.

The group helps children build confidence.

"All children have talents that can be developed," said Ms. Harris. "Their self-esteem grows as they realize that they have something

wholesome and worthwhile to contribute."

Children can sign up now for the Summer Performer's Camp which is two weeks of accelerated performing arts courses in singing and dancing, including bonus workshops on music theory, hula, dramatics, rhythm, and microphone skills. There are two sessions offered. The first session is June 11 to 22

and the second session is July 9 to 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. For children in the West Honolulu area, practices are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For children in the Mililani-Wahiawa area, practices are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The registration deadline is June 1.

To register or for more information, call 489-1998 or visit www.SunshineHawaii.net.

Students ponder legal fate of 'Goldilocks'

By Angela Elbern
Hickam Kukini photojournalist

Is being a civilized nation of laws worthy of celebration? President Dwight D. Eisenhower certainly felt it did, so much so that he proclaimed May 1st "Law Day" back in 1958.

"Our whole system of government is based on following rules — so we use Law Day to celebrate and educate," said Capt. Patrick Colaw, 15th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate's office. "This year's theme is 'empowering youth, assuring democracy,' and we thought it would be a good idea to do a mock trial over at Mokulele Elementary School."

That's where approximately 100 fourth and fifth



Photo by Angela Elbern

Mokulele Elementary School student David Green, 11, presides over judicial proceedings in the case of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as members of the 15th Airlift Wing's Judge Advocate's office held a Law Day event on Thursday, May 3.

graders witnessed or participated in the harrowing mock trial proceedings of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" on Thursday, May 3.

Captain Colow said that the Law Day event served as a way of understanding the American legal system to which children could relate.

In thanking the volunteer legal team from 15th Airlift Wing legal office, Vice Principal Bart Nakamoto noted that the students were enthusiastic about the team's visit, especially one who served as the mock trial judge.

"That was really fun!" exclaimed David Green, 11, son of Master Sgt. Dishon Gregory with PACAF Logistics, who, one might imagine, may never see the popular fairy tale in quite the same way from now on.

Happy Mother's Day from the other side of the world



Tech. Sgt. Shawn Wiser, deployed from 15th Services Squadron in Southwest Asia, sends out a Mother's Day shout to his wife, Tech. Sgt. Toni Wiser, 15th Contracting Squadron. She is the mother of Caitlin, 9, Liam, 6 and Shawn Jr., 6 months. Along with more than 100 other members of team Hickam, he will be redeploying back to base in the next 10 days.

Sunday Seafood Buffet

The Sea Breeze Restaurant would like you to bring your mom to a special dinner by the sea, Sunday, May 13. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., enjoy fried scallops, crab legs, mahi mahi, shrimp scampi, steamed mussels, seafood lasagna and more. Cost is \$23.95 per person and reservations are recommended. Call 449-9900 to make reservations.

Mother’s Day Brunch at the E’ Club

The Enlisted Club is serving Mother’s Day Brunch this Sunday, May 13. Two different seating times are available: 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale now and are required for seating. Ticket prices are \$22.95 per adult (before \$2 Members First discount), \$9.50 for children ages 7-12 and \$5.95 for kids ages 3-6. Children under 3 eat free! For details, call 448-2271.

Mother’s Day Brunch at the O’ Club

The Officers’ Club is serving Mother’s Day Brunch this Sunday. Four different seating times are available: 10 a.m. or noon for lanai seating, 10:30 or 11:30 a.m. for indoor seating. Advance tickets (required) are on sale now and are \$22.95 per adult (before \$2 Members First discount), \$9.50 for children ages 7-12 and \$5.95 for kids ages 3-6. Children under 3 eat free! For details, call 448-4608, ext. 15.

Dinner Theatre at the O’ Club — ‘Grease’

The Officers’ Club is proud to announce the return of Dinner Theatre. Enjoy a relaxing three-course meal at

the O’ Club, Saturday, May 12, at 6 p.m. Following dinner, transportation is provided to and from the production of “Grease” held at the Army Community Theatre. For tickets or details, call 448-4608.

Beach Bum Weekend at Hickam Harbor

Outdoor Recreation is gearing up for Beach Bum Weekend, May 26 and 27. On Saturday May 26, enjoy the Beach Bum parade, barbeque, overnight camping, movies on the beach, jousting, sumo suits, bounce houses, windsurfing, banana boats, sailboats and water slides. Get your super-soakers, water balloons and bathing suits ready for the Beach Bum parade. This parade is open to anyone brave enough to face the water brigade. Decorate your “float” (e.g., truck, flatbed trailer or anything you can push) with a beach theme and soak the crowd. Trophy goes to the best “float.” Enter your “float” by Saturday, May 19, at Outdoor Recreation. \$5 wristbands give unlimited access to jousting, sumo suits, bounce houses, wind surfing, banana boats, sailboats and water slides. AEF Returnees receive Services coupons during the Splashtacular. The Sand Bar and Grill will be open and ready to serve you. Call 449-5215 for details.

Glass Bottom Boat Tour

Spend an hour and a half marveling over marine life in their natural habitat, May 19. The bus departs from ITT for Kaneohe Bay at 8 a.m. See breathtaking underwater scenery through over 6,000 square inches of glass bottom viewing area. Adult ticket

prices: \$10, kids ages 2-12: \$5. Call Information, Tickets and Travel at 448-2295 to reserve your tickets.

Free Continental Breakfast

To kick off the Club Membership Drive, the Enlisted Club and Officers’ clubs invites you to join them for a free continental breakfast at the O’ Club Wednesday, May 30, between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Learn more about the benefits of club membership. This event is open to current club members and club member eligibles. For details, call the Enlisted Club at 448-2271 or the Officers’ Club at 448-4608.

Air Force Clubs Scholarship

Club Membership has its benefits. Six individuals will be selected to receive a share of \$25,000 in scholarship money. To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on this year’s topic: “Why is air superiority critical today.” All essays must be submitted to 15th Services Marketing, Hangar 2, Suite 215, no later than June 15. Entry forms can be found at www.afclubs.net or www.hickamservices.com and at your club.

Hawaiian Island Cruise Special

Seven and 10-day cruises are schedule to depart from now through May 21. Cruise the Hawaiian islands of Maui, Kauai and the Big Island in style aboard one of four cruise ships. Prices range from \$399 to \$1,349 per person, and are based on cabin type and ship choice. Cabin choices are inside, ocean view, balcony

and mini suite. These special prices are open to military, DOD civilians and retirees. Tickets go fast, so make your arrangements now! For details, call 448-2295.

Northwest Airlines Grand Prize

Services Comment and Win Program actively seeks customer suggestions and feedback. Now there are three chances to win. Simply fill out a comment card or comment online at www.hickamservices.com and select the ICE icon. 1. Win \$250 in Services Bucks if your suggestion is implemented. 2. Win \$100 in Services Bucks from the random monthly drawing. 3. Now fly free to Asia or the U.S. Each month, every base in PACAF will draw names of finalists who will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing for six Northwest Airlines roundtrip tickets. The Grand Prize drawing will be held after September 30. Visit www.hickamservices.com for official rules and details.

Comment & Win Summer Craft Camps

With an ounce of inspiration, a pinch of creativity and a sparkling of imagination, your child can craft a summer of enjoyment. The Arts & Crafts Center summer camp registration is now open. Classes are open to kids ages 5 and up. Fees are \$45 per child; \$40 per second child or more. Classes fill up fast, so sign up now. For a complete schedule, visit www.hickamservices.com/arts--crafts-center.asp.



Master Sgt. Allen Miller
15th Airlift Wing, Ground Safety Superintendent

Your unit rocks because: My unit engages with all aspects of safety on Hickam. Whether it’s weapons, explosives, flightline, traffic or housing safety issue, we cover it. If someone gets hurt or there’s property damage, we investigate it and make recommendation for corrections. And we do it with a staff of nine people.

My job affects all of Hickam in

that: Keeping our people and families safe is the number-one goal. By finding problems before they have a chance to cause damage or injury means the mission can be successfully accomplished and people go home to their families instead of going to the hospital.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: With my twin 8-year-old daughters.

Something people don’t know about your unit: We are a staff agency, which means we work directly for the Wing Commander. This enables us to keep him informed of any issues he should know about.

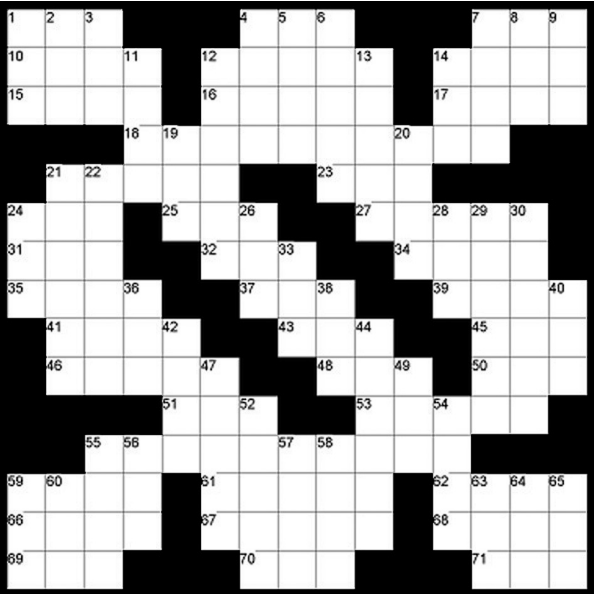
If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: The ability to install standardized privacy fences in base housing. We are stuck with the old chain-link fence, which is not very visually pleasing. The Navy and Army housing allows privacy fencing and it looks great. Why can’t the Air Force?

What the supervisor has to say: People are truly our most valuable resource, and Master Sgt. Allen Miller does a wonderful job as the 15th Airlift Wing ground safety manager. Allen works extremely hard every day to keep Team Hickam safe and in the fight. Thank you, MSgt. Miller..



Lt. Col. K.C. Parnell

Crossword Puzzle: Find the base ... AMC, Vol. 1



By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing

ACROSS

- 1. Auto
- 4. Ancient
- 7. Choose
- 10. October birthstone
- 12. Musical theater
- 14. Region
- 15. Vatican resident
- 16. Of, relating to, or in the region of the kidneys
- 17. Browse
- 18. AMC base home to the 319th ARW
- 21. Approximately
- 23. Sweet or iced beverage
- 24. Shaq’s org.
- 25. CNN’s Turner

- 27. AMC base home to the 375th AW / AMC HQ
- 31. CC’s span of control
- 32. Stitch
- 34. Ireland, formerly
- 35. Actress Roseanne
- 37. Dead or Caspian
- 39. Actress Turner
- 41. Cambodian money
- 43. Sixth sense
- 45. Univ. Tennessee player, informally
- 46. AMC base home to the 436th AW
- 48. Buddy
- 50. Taxing org.
- 51. Kernel
- 53. Cat in the Hat doctor
- 55. AMC base home to the 437th AW
- 59. Goodbye

- 61. Heart valve
- 62. Shakespearean villain
- 66. Lasso
- 67. Avenues
- 68. To believe, think, or suppose
- 69. Single
- 70. Asian holiday
- 71. Foot part

DOWN

- 1. Policeman, informally
- 2. Overseas mil. mailbox
- 3. Music genre
- 4. Ajar
- 5. Give money
- 6. Compose
- 7. Mining lodes
- 8. Pod denizen
- 9. Little bit
- 11. Child’s toy
- 12. Speaks
- 13. Aftershave ingredients
- 14. Noah’s boat
- 19. Tire track
- 20. Indianapolis 500
- 21. On the ship
- 22. Spanish neighborhood
- 24. Capture
- 26. ____ Moines
- 28. Engine need
- 29. AMC base home to the 60th AMW
- 30. Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti
- 33. Tiny
- 36. Gun the motor
- 38. Cleo killer

- 40. USAF PME for E-4s
- 42. Singer Horne
- 44. Spaghetti and lasagna
- 47. Country
- 49. Zodiac sign
- 52. Inflate
- 54. Battalion or brigade
- 55. ____ Fear
- 56. Garden tool
- 57. Sea bird
- 58. Restore, in editing
- 59. ____-Magnon
- 60. Charged particle
- 63. Op and deco
- 64. Slop
- 65. In debt

See SOLUTIONS, B4

SUDOKU

For solution, see SUDOKU, B4

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Team Hickam History
The Air Force’s most historic airfield

May 15, 1942 — The 15th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) was redesignated the 15th Fighter Group.

May 15, 1946 — Hickam Field Army Air Base was transferred to the Pacific Air Service Command and merged with the Hawaiian Air Depot, which began to assume Air Materiel Area proportions.

May 17, 1962 — The last Hawaiian flight of 96 enlistees was sworn in at Hickam before discontinuing the system of swearing in groups or flights of Air Force enlistees to go through basic training as a unit. Three earlier flights of 60 had been enlisted. Subsequently, the individual recruiting system was resumed by a

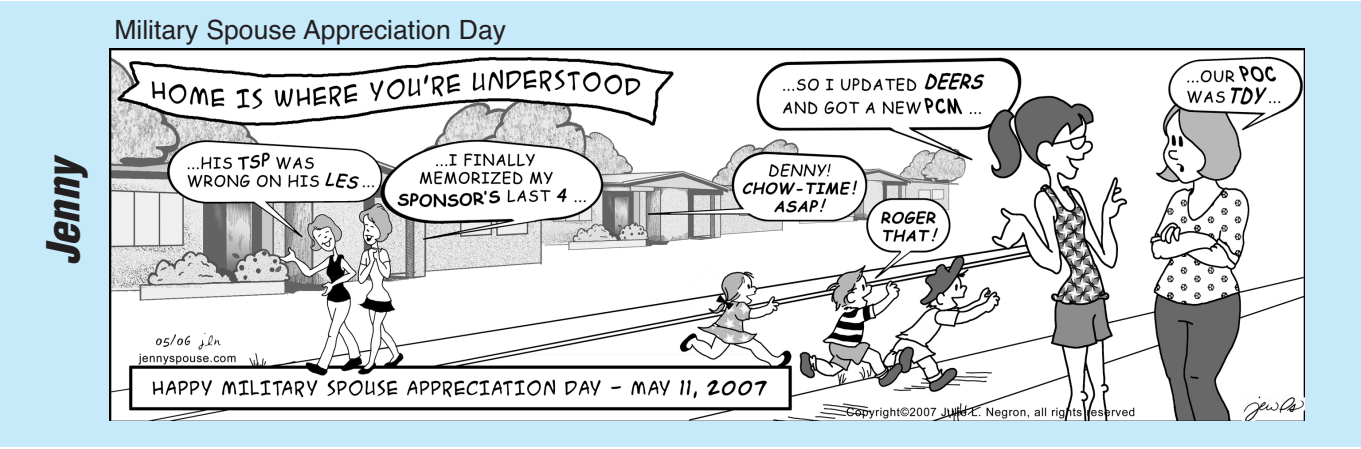
recruiting detachment under jurisdiction of the USAF Recruiting Service, operating from a downtown Honolulu location.



May 15, 1967 — The 6486th Air Police Squadron, Hickam AFB, was redesignated the 6486th Security Police Squadron.

May 17, 1971 — The USAF Dispensary, Hickam (predecessor to the 15th Medical Group) activated at Hickam.

May 19, 1974 — Hickam’s new Credit Union building was opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and remarks by Colonel Richard L. Thompson, 15 ABW Vice Commander.



CHAPEL

Editor’s note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests, call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT	JEWISH	CATHOLIC	BUDDHIST	ISLAMIC
Nelles Chapel Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Praise Gathering 5:30 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.	Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor 473-0050 Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877 Naval Station Chapel 473-3971	Nelles Chapel Weekday Mass 11:30 a.m. Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m. Saturday Mass 5 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Mass 10 a.m.	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple 536-7044 ORTHODOX For more information call 438-6687	Friday Congregational Service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) 1 p.m. Muslim Association of Hawaii 947-6263

AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday, 6 p.m. • Saturday 7 p.m.



Meet the Robinsons – Lewis is a bright 12-year-old boy with a surprising number of clever inventions to his credit. His latest and most ambitious project is the Memory Scanner,

which he hopes will retrieve early memories of his mother and maybe even reveal why she put him up for adoption. Then he meets Wilbur Robinson, a mysterious boy from the future, and the two travel forward in time. Once there, Lewis discovers the amazing secret of the Robinson family. Then, his invention is stolen by the dastardly Bowler Hat Guy and his diabolical hat and constant companion Doris. Starring the voices of Angela Bassett and Spencer Fox.

Rated G – 92 min.

Friday, 8:30 p.m. • Sunday 7 p.m.



Shooter – Following an incident where his actions caused the death of an innocent, an ace marksman retires to self-exile in the Arkansas wilderness. His solitude ends when a group of former associates reach out to him,

claiming they need his help to prevent an assassination. Their claims ring hollow when they frame him for the presidential assassination he was ostensibly trying to prevent. Suddenly a fugitive from justice, he has no choice but to track down the real killer and discover the truth behind those who betrayed him. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Kate Mara.

Rated R for strong graphic violence and some language – 124 min.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. • Thursday, 7 p.m.

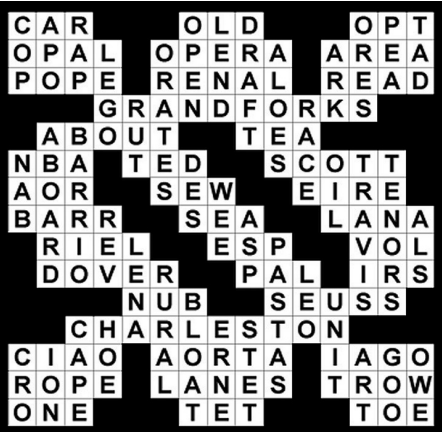


Reign Over Me – In New York City, a man with everything going for him runs into a former room-mate who has clearly seen better days. Soon he realizes that his friend was traumatized by the loss of his family

in the 9/11 attacks and has never recovered from his grief. Recognizing and appreciating his own good fortune, the man sets out to help his friend come to grips with his loss and start to build a new life. Starring Don Cheadle and Adam Sandler.

Rated R for language and some sexual references – 125 min.

SOLUTIONS, From B3



SUDOKU, From B3

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Hickam youth come out swinging

By Mark Munsey
Special to the Kukini

Between T-ball/coach pitch, where 5- to 6-year-old Hickam youth are eased into the structured world of baseball, and the teenager-comprised Juniors, the final ladder and most competitive of base youth baseball lies the Minors, where skills are honed in a highly energetic by controlled environment.

That was the case Saturday afternoon as the age 9-10 Rangers and Orioles met at the base fields.

“For kids’ safety, the number of pitches thrown is regulated based on their age,” said Oriole’s coach Lamont Atkins.

While no score is kept, there was plenty of offensive on display.

After back-to-back hits by teammates Braden Cain and Cameron Love, the Oriole’s Conor Rivera cleared the bases with an inside-the-park home run.

Ranger’s pitcher Tristan



Photo by Mark Munsey

Oriole’s Conor Rivera connects on a pitch by Ranger’s hurler Tristan Williams. Rivera brought in teammates Braden Cain and Cameron Love with his inside-the-park homerun. Inset: Rivera just beats the throw at home to complete four-bag hit during first inning action.

Williams then retired the side on three straight strikeouts.

Rivera traded his batting glove for a pitcher’s mitt, taking to the mound for the bot-

tom of the first. He gave up only one extra-base hit: a triple by Ranger Eric Olsen.

The second inning featured Ranger Jonah Vasquez on both

sides of the chalk, taking over pitching duties for the final two innings, as well as lining a double in the second.

The Oriole’s manager pulled

a Tony La Russa, going with multiple pitching changes, throwing Matthew Bottom in the second and closing with his son Lamont Atkins.

Parental program involvement is critical to the ongoing success of the programs, according to BJ Bentley, Hickam Youth Sports and Fitness director.

“With the big reduction in our budgets, we rely even more on parents and single airmen as officials and field maintenance,” she said. “Even as baseball is going on, we are prepping for the next sports season and the start of the summer basketball camps.”

Sign-ups for Hickam keiki ages 5 to 16 who wish to participate in the basketball camps are being held from May 21 through June 8.

After that, the next youth sports registration will be football and cheerleading for those born between 1992 and 2002. Sign ups are June 18 to July 20.

For more information about the basketball camp or to volunteer as officials or ground crews for any of the youth sports program, contact Bentley at 448-4492.



Photos by Mark Munsey

Above: Ranger’s pitcher Jonah Vasquez delivers a pitch during second inning action. Right: Ranger’s batter Eric Olsen lines a triple during the first inning.

Bucs Cheerleaders arrive on base today



Close to three dozen Tampa Bay Buccaneer cheerleaders return to Hickam today for troop visits, youth cheer clinics and squad performances. They have their first performance at the base fitness center starting at 11:30 a.m., with an autograph session to follow. Today’s final event will be a cheer clinic, also at the community center, starting at 5 p.m. On Saturday, the cheerleaders have another autograph session before playing the Airmen Dating Game at the community center starting at 5 p.m. If you can’t catch Bucs’ cheerleaders today, don’t despair — they’ll be on the island through May 24. Check out next week’s Kukini for updates and more details. Pictured: Bucs Cheerleader DeShay Eunice gets some help from obliging Airmen during the 2007 Cheerleaders Military Appreciation Tour earlier this year.

Photo by 15th Services Marketing

FITNESSTIPS

MODEL: Senior Airman Robert “Bo” Bond, Fitness Specialist at Hickam Fitness Center **INSTRUCTOR:** Airman 1st Class Lamarr Sherrod, Fitness Specialist at Hickam Fitness Center

EXERCISE: Side Plank

MUSCLE GROUP: Core

- Lie on your right or left side with legs extended
- Before movement begins, ensure optimal posture alignment
- Place elbow directly under shoulder for support
- Draw your lower abdomen inward toward your spine
- While maintaining the drawing-in maneuver, lift body onto forearm and hold for set time
- Repeat for additional repetitions
- Reduce time if necessary, form is more important than how long or how much.
- Reduce time if necessary — form is more critical to the exercise than duration.



Photo by Master Sgt. Benny Miguel, Hickam Fitness Center Section Chief

Reserve Airmen build homes, relationships

By Tech. Sgt. Stephen C. Bailey
301st Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Texas is known for doing things right and for doing them BIG, so it was no surprise when a group of Texas Air Force reservists got involved in a big Hawaii-style ‘labor of love’ honoring some of its most valued citizens.

Twenty-two civil engineers from the 301st Fighter Wing, Joint Reserve Base, Carswell, Texas, are the most recent reserve Airmen working on homebuilding projects for the elderly and handicapped next to the Helemano Plantation.

“My guys have hit the ground running,” said Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Barham, 301st CES team leader. “They came here wanting to make a big difference because they knew the work wasn’t just another construction project — it was impacting the lives of some very important people.”

The chief explained that the organization spearheading the project, ORI Anuenue Hale (‘Rainbow House’), is a non-profit group dedicated to providing relief to and promoting the general welfare of the elderly, disadvantaged and disabled people of Oahu. Members of the group — the initials of which stand for “Opportunities for the Retarded, Inc.” — have been supporting the elderly and disabled communities since 1980.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey

301st Civil Engineers Squadron members Staff Sgt. Jeremy Glenn (left) and Staff Sgt. Krista Kenoyer cut boards as (from left) Senior Airman Doug Weir, Senior Airman Robert Wolf, Senior Master Sgt. Chester “Skip” Kiefhaber and Senior Airman Matthew Duckett work to frame a house as part of a project to build housing for the elderly and handicapped next to Helemano Plantation on Oahu.

The group’s newest development is the Aloha Gardens, a 40-acre project that will include a day-care and wellness center for the elderly; a vocational training center; a campground area; agricultural and aquaculture operations; a country market and mini-golf area; and short-term respite care facilities.

“This entire project of love and goodwill has been the vision and dream of one lady, Susanna Cheung,” said Chief Master Sgt. Luis S. Ayala, mili-

tary project coordinator. “Mrs. Cheung is a very determined and passionate person who has seen a great need among the elderly and handicapped and she has done everything in her power to make a difference. I’m glad the military has gotten the chance to be involved.”

Initially, the Air Force Reserve signed on to build three five-bedroom homes and a social hall in 2006 as part of its IRT initiative, which, according to officials, has agreed to con-

tinue its support. IRT is a civilian/military partnership through which Reservists receive training while supporting local communities throughout the United States. Reserve civil engineers have been involved in IRT projects for the past 10 years.

Aloha Gardens was one of the more than 100 projects across the nation selected in 2006 by the IRT.

“Our people are doing excellent work,” said Chief Barham. “They get to work every day by

6 a.m. and they don’t finish until late in the evening. We take pride in our work and have been extremely glad to be part of this important humanitarian program.”

Yvonne C. de Luna, Helemano Plantation public relations specialist, voiced similar enthusiasm for the 301’s efforts.

“The military has done an amazing job here — their tremendous support is making Mrs. Cheung’s dream a wonderful reality,” she said.

During the past two weeks, the 301st has completed the installation of a 750-foot fence, framed up three cabins, installed 10 15-foot street lights, set up and converted a trailer into an office and set up a supply tool system; and installed a water fill station; and dug a 40-foot trench and installed a water line for the fill station.

“I’ll go anywhere with these guys — they’re a class act,” said Chief Ayala. “Very few civil engineer teams specialize, but the 301st FW is a complete civil engineer team. They would be one of my first choices if I had to get a big job done.”

The chief added that the 301st has supported other humanitarian projects in Honduras in 1996 and in Guatemala in 2001.

Other reserve units will follow the 301st to continue the IRT project as a training opportunity. Team members have been able to train in various fields not directly related to their Air Force specialty.

Senior Airman B.J. Alexis, a heating and air conditioning specialist, said he has got the chance to do more than his regular job here in Hawaii.

“It’s been a valuable learning experience,” he said. “This is my first time to Hawaii but what has mattered most to me is the training and the work being done. We are helping out people who have difficulty helping themselves. That type of work makes you feel good inside.”